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1. The plant of Somet, National Enterprise, for precision tools and optical articles is located in the Sanov quarter of Teplice (N50-38, E 13-50), approximately 1,000 yards north of Doubravka hill and fortress. A side road branching off the road leading to Usti nad Labem (N50-40, E14-02) has been especially constructed for the factory.
2. Entrance to the factory area is controlled by armed doormen around the clock. Visitors must identify themselves and fill in a form, which must then be countersigned by the factory official whom the visitor has seen. The visitors proceed unaccompanied from the gate to the factory offices.
3. A considerable part of the factory's output is believed to be destined for military purposes. Among the products are telescopes for rifles. Some of the factory halls are off-limits to personnel not working there.
4. Normal production in the factory was interrupted several times in recent years because of lack of raw materials. During the winter of 1953 large numbers of workers, especially women, were idle for three or four weeks. They were put to cleaning the buildings, the machines, etc., or they brought their knitting from home.
5. Some additional machines, believed to have come from the USSR, were installed in the factory in the summer of 1954.
6. There are no Soviet or other foreign experts or advisers on the factory staff. At the beginning of 1954 about ten young Chinese and Soviet engineers, just graduated from technical colleges, came to the factory for advanced practical training.
7. The factory's approximately 3,000 employees work in three shifts around the clock. In addition to the regular staff there are approximately 500 apprentices between 14 and 16 years of age who live inside the factory area in a separate building. They carry on their studies in the mornings and work in the factory in the afternoons. Apprentices who distinguish themselves in their studies and their work are later awarded scholarships to a technical high school or polytechnic institution. After graduation they must return to the factory and

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sign a contract for five years. The workers and apprentices are almost exclusively from Moravia and Bohemia; there are no Slovaks, Hungarians, or other minority groups.

8. The factory has a kitchen and restaurant for the staff, as well as a medical and dental clinic. One physician and one nurse are permanently on duty.



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Legend to Sketch of the Somet Factory:

1. Wire fence around the Somet factory
2. Entrance gate
3. Gateman's lodge
4. Check-room for workers (punch clocks)
5. Stand for bicycles
6. Factory courtyard, vegetable garden
7. Kitchen, restaurant, and factory stores
8. Factory shops and offices
9. Lodgings of apprentices
10. Factory shops and offices
11. Factory shops and offices
12. Steam heating installations
13. Doubravka hill
14. Doubravka fortress
15. Cafe Panorama
- 16, 17, and 18. Roads joining the highway to Usti
19. Ul. Sobedruchy
20. Ul. Kunevova
21. Ul. Probestov
22. Church
23. Ul. Masarykova
24. Railway station
25. Football ground
26. Teplice II
27. Path to hill

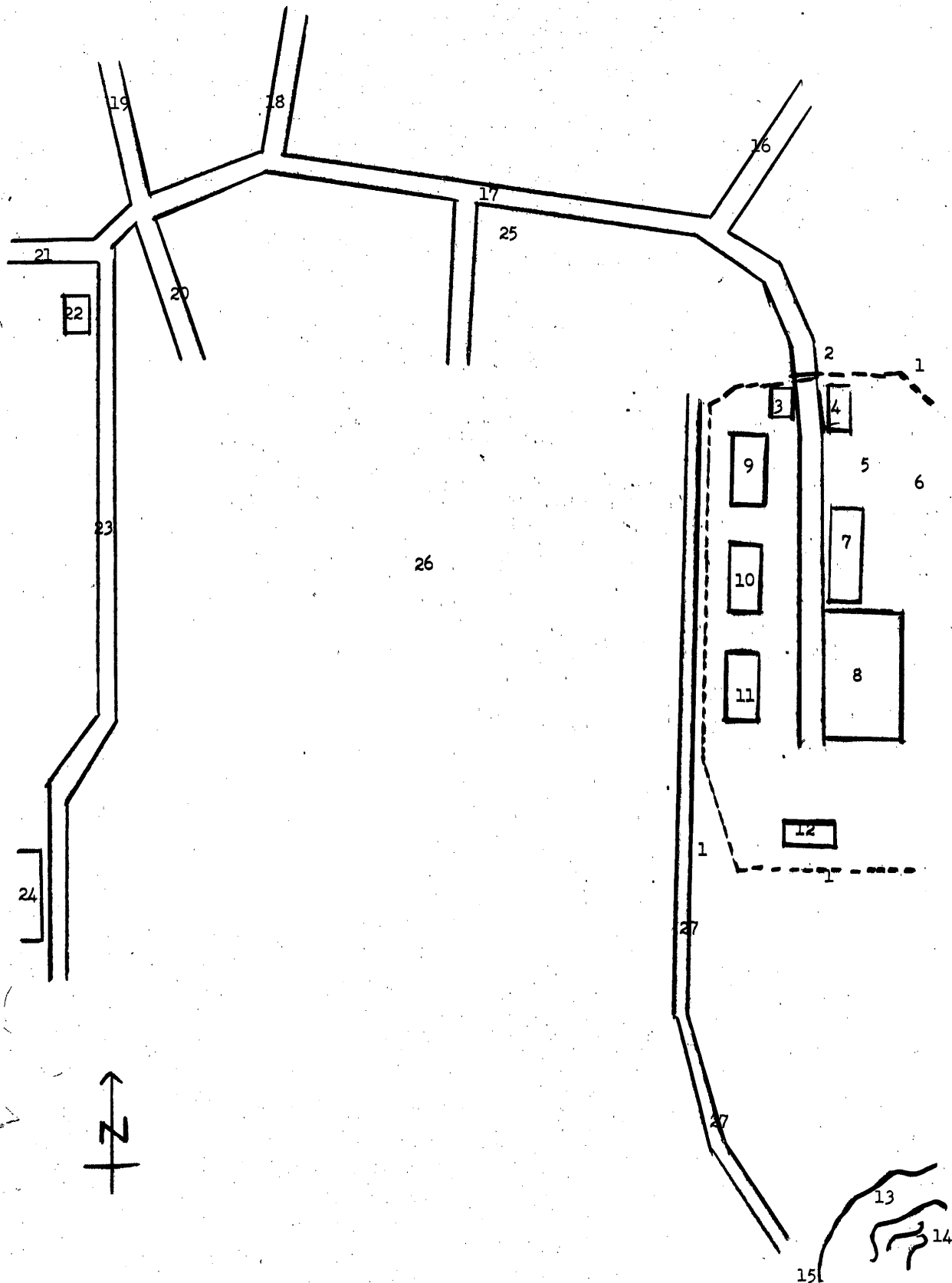
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